#### DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A PEER CONNECTION USING RELIABLE RDMA PRIMITIVES, the specification of which is attached hereto and identified by Cesari and McKenna File No. P01-1676/112056-0098.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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